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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Air Mail

Mr. Stuart Hedden
Inspector General
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hedden:

Thank you very much for your letter of 23 July 1952 in answer to my inquiry to General Smith, Director of Central Intelligence Agency. Naturally, we were very pleased that CIA has accepted the responsibility for the program cancellation and is proceeding to reimburse the individuals involved with appropriate sums of money. On that matter I will have no further comment since I believe that it is up to the three persons to reach satisfactory agreements with you and you with them.

I am also pleased that membership in the [redacted] Relations is not a basis for disqualifying a person for employment with CIA.

One very serious matter remains unclear, however. Nowhere do you indicate in a forthright manner that the program cancellation was simply an administrative decision based on reasons other than security. As a matter of fact, such a statement is conspicuous by its absence in your letter and I cannot help but be very disturbed at its absence. We will not be satisfied with any less than a clear cut assurance in writing that the agency's action in this case can in no way be construed as reflecting adversely on the loyalty, security, or integrity of the men who would have been hired had the program not been canceled, and, of course, particularly in connection with [redacted] of our staff.

I wish to state again that no one in our department has any desire to engage in controversy with the Central Intelligence Agency or to be responsible for its receiving adverse publicity. However, if we do not receive such clear cut assurance, I am going to move [redacted]

[redacted] at its annual meeting on August 27th, that CIA's relationship with the three people involved in this case and in several other cases which have come to our attention be investigated with a view to analyzing the action of CIA, distributing the findings to appropriate Congressmen and Senators and association members, and with the view of advising the members of the association as to the course of action they should follow in any future dealings with CIA.

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The two senators of our state have been very sympathetic to us in this matter. I am writing to them again today to ask them to press this matter with all vigor until a satisfactory conclusion is reached. There will be no satisfactory conclusion until we receive an unequivocal letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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